

Drake Primary School Newsletter



1st March 2024

Dear Families,

Welcome back to the Spring Term, we hope you all had a nice break. This week we started with a celebration of love and courage for our values day.

On Monday, we had a special assembly with Tommy from 'Rocksteady.' As the children entered the hall, he was playing on drums and the children quickly joined in singing along. We enjoyed a rock assembly, showcasing the styles of music on the electric guitar, drums, keyboard and vocals. KS1 and KS2 each had a workshop where they formed a band! We sang along to 'We will rock you' alongside the drums and 'Livin on a prayer' alongside the synthesizer keyboard.



Reception Drawing Club

On Tuesday and Wednesday this week we welcomed 'West End in Schools' in to provide Year 2 - Year 6 with a workshop. This workshop helped kick off the excitement for 'World Book Day' next week. In the workshops, children explored either 'Where the Wild things are' or 'The butterfly lion', reading the story and then using creativity, imagination and teamwork to explore the chosen story through movement and dance. Each class then put together a short choreography to present to their class teacher.



This week, Reception have been enjoying Drawing Club. Drawing Club is a powerful way of unlocking children's imaginations, broadening their library of words and exploring how early writing and maths can have a unique magic. Drawing Club supports children's creativity and collaboration. This is being used alongside our Talk4Writing work which remains our school wide approach to writing.

Every Day Matters

It is a statutory requirement for children to attend school every day.

The classes with highest attendance this week is

**Kamkwamba and
Tereshkova**

100 %

Congratulations!



**Whole school attendance is
95.89%**

Secret Student

Named secret students this week are:

Reception: River, Edith-Rose, Kuba, Erin, Elisha, Evie, Quinn, Sophia, Matilda

Year 1: Kamaari, Archibald, Emily, Piper, Eleanor, Jensen, Athena, Naomi, Kian

Year 2: Joshua, Samuel F, Szymon, Milena, Oskar, Noah, Vanessa, Olly

Year 3: Leo, Danny, Everlyn, Rachel, Aedan, Benjamin, Virujan, Aaraa, LC

Year 4: Isaac, Spencer M, Maddie, Faustina, Ruby, Ronnie, Alfie, Charley, Ivy

Year 5: Thomas, Chloe, Darragh, Amelija, Connie, Jack P, Albie-Alan, Isla

Year 6: Lena, Ree, Lily C, Amber, Freddie, Betsy, Kiera, Alfie E, Dylan

These pupils have demonstrated our school values and learning behaviours, well done.

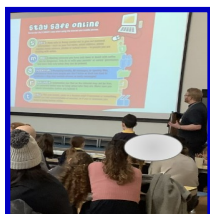
Parent Assemblies and Cafes

On Thursday, Year 3 had their parent cafe, focusing on online safety. Mr Fox went through our online safety rules- how we can stay safe online and when gaming. We focused on 'reliability,' 'privacy and security' and 'online reputation.' We were challenged to work out if images were real, or had been made by AI and thought about whether we can trust everything we see online. Finally, we learnt about the PEGI age rating for video games Minecraft, Roblox, Fortnite, Among Us and social media platforms.

There is more information here:

<https://pegi.info/>

<https://nationalcollege.com/enrol/drake-primary-school>



Next week: Tuesday Year 1 assembly in the main hall
Thursday Year 6 café in the main hall

Prefect Update

This week has been the first week back after half term. During half term, one of us moved house, a couple of us went swimming and a few boys who play for a Thetford team played a football match against Norwich City Academy Players. Values Day was the first day back and we have been really creative exploring our class names and the themes of courage and love. There have been many exciting events that have taken place this week. One of these is a rock star who came into school to showcase all of the instruments that some children will be learning to form a band. He was really funny and kind of strange, but he was great at playing the different electrical instruments. Mr Adair has handed out some posters and sponsorship forms this week for an event taking place soon. This is a football event where an inflatable goal will be set up. Children can shoot into the net to see who has the fastest shot. Children can raise money for some prizes. In PE, the whole school have taken part in a dance workshop this week and Y1 and Y2 are currently learning a dance piece all about Alice in Wonderland.

Sadly, Mrs Cope will be leaving us this week, and we hope she gets on well in her new job.

Reading

It is important that children read every day. On a Monday, reading diaries are checked and teachers award gold stars for children who have read more than 7 times.

This week 220 children read more than 7 times and achieved their gold star.

This week's award is to:

Maathai

Daily run

To support Mental and physical health and well-being, children run every day. KS2 have a weekly distance competition.

This week's award is to:

KS1: Earhart
KS2: Curie

Curriculum Update: Cafes and Assemblies

	Spring 2
Reception	Class assembly: 14th March
Year 1	Year group assembly: 5th March
Year 2	Year group assembly: 25th March
Year 3	Café: 29th February
Year 4	Café: 21st March
Year 5	Curie assembly: 12th March Tereshkova assembly: 19th March
Year 6	Café 7th March
SRB	Thunberg café: 11th March 2pm Arday café: 20th March 2pm

Feature Podcast

Our children contribute to school life and the children's learning through our Drake Radio. You can listen live [here](#).

Have a listen to a feature podcast: [Tommy from Rocksteady](#)

All podcasts are available on the [video centre section of the school website](#).

MALLARDS

Our MALLARDS are busy planning events to take place for the rest of this academic year. We are growing and taking on new members to help us to fundraise and support the school.

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Dates for your Diary

All scheduled events for classes/year groups are included in year group newsletters and added to the [year group pages](#).

We aim to provide as much notice as possible for school events, but there are sometimes opportunities that arrive at short notice. As new whole school events are created, we will list them here and then add them to the [school website calendar](#) for future reference.

Spring Term dates

1st March: National offer day for Secondary School places

7th March: World Book Day — Dress up as a book character

11th—15th March: British Science Week

15th March: Comic Relief

20th March: Prostrike event

26th March: INSET day - school closed

28th March: Last day of Term - 1pm finish